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Stamas Announces Advancement in Transportation Budget

Budget passes out of subcommittee – requires study for I-75

LANSING – Senator Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced recommendations for the transportation budget were approved in subcommittee earlier this week. The bill includes a section added by Stamas requiring the Michigan Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for a new interchange in Ogemaw County.

“For several years the City of West Branch has worked for an interchange on I-75 at M-30, hopefully this will be the year the development process begins,” Stamas said. “I realize that we are not in the best of economic times, however we still need to look forward with regards to our roads and the safety of our citizens.

West Branch City Manager Patrick McGinnis stated “The approval of this interchange is more than a simple transportation issue; it will make receiving emergency medical treatment easier for those in Ogemaw County and will provide economic development opportunities for Northern Michigan.”

Senate Bill 265 is expected to be taken up before the full Senate Appropriations Committee on May 1st.

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